



NOTICES TO MARINERS

03/10 SAFE SPEED

Mariners are advised that it is an offence to proceed at excessive speed where damage, or risk of damage may be caused by wash or displacement.

Caution should be exercised when passing harbours, piers, moorings, beaches, recreational activities and any other area involving property or persons.

Particular vigilance should be exercised when passing vessels alongside piers, harbour walls or moorings.

Owners and operators of high speed RIB's and PWC should be particularly vigilant regarding their speed and the wash that can be created. Such craft should only be operated in a courteous manner with consideration being given to other sailors.

This notice applies to all vessels navigating within the jurisdiction of Clydeport Operations Ltd.

04/10 RECOMMENDED CHANNELS

The attention of Skippers, Masters and Owners of fishing vessels, vessels of less than 20 metres in length and sailing vessels are drawn to Rule 9 of the International regulations for The Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972, as amended, which relates to Narrow Channels and Rule 8 (f) which relates to vessels which have not to impede other vessels.

The Recommended Channels withing the River and Firth of Clyde are:-

Firth of Clyde Channel	Kilcreggan
Hunterston Channel	Ardmore Channel
Skelmorlie Channel	River Channel
Loch Long	Kyles of Bute

Admiralty Charts Nos. 1906, 1907, 1994 and 2007 refer.

Vessels navigating within these channels should be considered to be in Narrow Channels within the meaning of the aforementioned regulations.

05/10 REGULATION OF YACHTS, POWER BOATS, RIB's and PWC's

Persons in charge of vessels less than 20 metres L.O.A. are reminded that whilst navigating within the waters under the jurisdiction of Clydeport Operations Ltd., they shall not impede the passage of any vessel approaching or leaving any piers, jetties or quays.

Further no vessel or boat of any description shall be anchored, or moored to either permanent or temporary moorings in such a position as to impede the passage of any vessel approaching or leaving any pier, jetty or quay within the area of jurisdiction of COL.

All users must observe the International regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and have due regard to their position, speed, and effect of their wash on other users, particularly in areas of high recreational activity.

Pleasure Craft users are advised to obtain a copy of 'The Firth of Clyde Marine Leisure Guide' and familiarise themselves with the content. This usefule guide was published by Clydeport during the Spring of 2006 and can be obtained from the publishers.

06/10 SURFACED SUBMARINES - TOWED ARRAYS (TA)

Mariners are advised that Surfaced Submarines transiting the Clydeport Operations area of jurisdiction may have Towed Arrays.

All Submarines moving within the area will report to Estuary Control as being 'Positive' or 'Negative' with respect to the deployment of T.A. equipment.

Mariners are advised to avoid passing within 1000 metres directly astern of Submarines which are 'Positive'.

Information when a submarine is 'Positive' will be transmitted by H.M. Coastguard on initial receipt of a signal from Faslane and thereafter prior to scheduled Marine Safety Information Broadcasts. Transmission will be terminated when the Submarine has completed its movement.

08/10 NAVIGATION BUOYS

Mariners are reminded that it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage any buoy or beacon.

It is also an offence if any person, without reasonable excuse;

- (a) rides by,
- (b) makes fast to, or
- (c) runs foul of,

any buoy or beacon.

Over the past twelve months there has been damage caused to several aids to navigation within the Clydeport area of jurisdiction, particularly in the Hunterston Channel.

As a consequence of this, CCTV coverage has been installed, and the skippers of any vessels that are identified as committing an offence will be prosecuted.

Mariners are reminded that these are aids to safety of navigation and the co-operation of all port users in reducing the incidence of damage is requested.

09/10 SEAPLANE OPERATIONS

Mariners are advised that seaplanes operate from a base at Rhu Marina and a pontoon within Princes Dock on the River Clyde adjacent to the Glasgow Science Centre.

The two aircraft are operated by Loch Lomond Seaplanes. They are both amphibious Cessnas, a 206 and 208 Caravan.

The base area of operations at Rhu Marina will be between Rhu Point and Roseneath Point, depending on prevailing weather conditions. On the River Clyde, the take-off and landing area is in the environs of Shieldhall.

Riverside Quay and westerly landings only at Yorkhill Quay. The aircraft will fast taxi to and from the passenger embarkation facility at Princes Dock.

The seaplanes are highly manoeuvrable and the aircraft commander will ensure that take-off and landing areas are clear of surface craft.

Mariners attention is drawn to the current International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea applicable to seaplanes in particular rule 18(e), and exercise caution when in the vicinity of the seaplane operations.

Captain R R Bailey

Harbour Master



QUEEN'S HARBOURMASTER

Mariners should be aware that all submarines and large naval vessels leaving and entering the dockyard port Area are escorted, during their transit to and from the Cumbraes, by Clyde Marine Unit vessels. Information on light/flags displayed by escorting vessels during these operations can be found in the port closures section of QHM Clyde Website www.rnopsscotland.com

In general, members of the public afloat are advised that the best way to proceed past the Naval Base is on the west side of the Gareloch, leaving a clearance of at least 500 feet from any vessels or jetties within the Base boundary.